5.2 Conspectus of action on previous Resolutions and Recommendations of the Indian Historical Records Commission (40th-47th Session)

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Further to the information placed before the Commission at its 47th and earlier sessions on the resolutions and recommendations of the 40th to 47th Sessions, replies received from the State/Union Territory Governments, Universities, Learned Institutions and others are summarised below:

5.2.1 Resolutions of the 40th Session, Madras, 18-20th February, 1970.

5.2.1.1 Resolution VIII: The Commission resolves that to facilitate the consultation of records preserved by them the Record Repositories of the State Governments be requested to prepare and publish consolidated guides to their pre-Independence records.

Gujarat: Instructions have been issued to the Central Record Office, Rajkot, Vadodara and District Record Office, Junagadh for preparing the consolidated guides to the pre-independence records.

Kerala: The bulk of the records are kept in the three repositories under the State Archives Department but no comprehensive lists or catalogues of these records have yet been prepared. The department has published a general guide to the records entitled "An Introduction to the Kerala State Archives" in 1975 which gives just but a bird's eye-view of the holdings of this department.

Rajasthan: A brief introductory guide has already been printed and the publication of a consolidated guide is under way.

West Bengal: The State Archives published a revised edition of a "Guide" to the records preserved in that Archives Department.

5.2.1.2 Resolution IX: To facilitate genuine research work at the State Archives, the Commission resolves to recommend to the State Governments to dispense with the scrutiny of excerpts taken by research scholars from all 'open' records.

Rajasthan: The resolution has been implemented by the State Archives.

5.2.1.3 Resolution XIII: The Commission resolves to recommend to the State Governments that the records of the National Movement, especially from 1885-1947, in the custody of the offices of the Home Department and other Offices/Departments and quasi-Government Offices may be transferred to the State Archives and thrown open for research where this has not been done already.

Gujarat: The Government has issued an instruction to all Government offices to transfer the records pertaining to the National Movement specially from 1885-1947.

Kerala: With the construction of a modern Archives building in Trivandrum which is expected to be taken up shortly the suggestion of transfer of records, now in the possession of the various Departments of the Government could be implemented to the custody of the State Archives.